

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**A-6578**

In Re Application Of: **Joshua L. COLMAN et al**

Serial No.  
**08/961,013**

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**October 30, 1997**

Examiner  
**F. Evans**

Group Art Unit  
**2877**

Invention: **FLUID ANALYZER WITH TUBE CONNECTOR VERIFIER**

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**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 4, 2001 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: March 4, 2002      until: May 4, 2002  
*Date*      *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

is enclosed.  
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	86 -	87 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	11 -	7 =	4	x \$40.00	\$160.00
Adj. agent date: 02/12/2002 EEKUBAY1 03/01/2002 CHECKINN 00000001 08961013 01 FC:116 -360.00 0P					FEE FOR AMENDMENT \$160.00
					FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME \$200.00
					<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME \$360.00</b>

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of \$360.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$360.00  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2455  
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Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 08-2455  
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